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LINK-LEVEL PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC IN A PACKET-SWITCHED NETWORK

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The Applicant wishes to bring the Examiner's attention the following co-pending application:

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"VIRTUAL PATH PROTECTION SWITCHING"

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